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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF BLUEFIN TUNA

As of September 30, 2012

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Data between 01/01/2012 and 09/30/2012.

Category	Sub Category	Current Year 2012				Previous Year 2011		
		Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)	Quota_Final (mt)	Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)
General		1899	346.9	298.7	435.1	2166	351.5	345.4
	Handline	4	511.5	.9		5	381.8	.9
	Harpoon	244	316.6	35.0		323	278.3	40.8
	Rod and Reel	1,651	351.0	262.8		1,838	364.3	303.7
Harpoon		128	296.2	17.2	36.0	243	266.0	29.3
Longline		388	479.7	84.4	78.4	269	463.1	56.5
	NED	12	586.6	3.2	25.0	19	547.7	4.7
	North	167	401.9	30.4	27.6	115	418.5	21.8
	South	209	535.7	50.8	50.8	135	489.1	30.0
Trap					.9			
Purse Seine		13	284.6	1.7	171.8			
	Giant							
	Large Medium							
Reserve					41.8			
Total:		2428	365.8	402	764	2678	355.0	431.2

NOTE

- This report SHOULD NOT be considered useful for real time catch monitoring purposes. It only includes landings reported to NMFS to date.
- These numbers are considered preliminary and are subject to change.
- The final 2012 Bluefin Tuna Specifications (77 FR 44161, July 27, 2012) adjusted the 2012 quota and subquotas to account for 2011 underharvest and to address anticipated 2012 dead discards.
- NMFS closed the southern area Angling category trophy fishery on April 7, 2012 (77 FR 21015, April 9, 2012), the incidental Longline category southern area fishery on May 29, 2012 (77 FR 31546), and the incidental Longline category northern area fishery on June 30, 2012 (77 FR 38011, June 26, 2012).

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic tuna fishery interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit

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